

Energize Indiana Update

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Local leaders, state decision makers turn out for New Albany forum



Gov. O'Bannon talks with Rep. Bill Cochran, New Albany, and IU Southeast Chancellor Sandra Patterson-Randles during the Energize Indiana forum. State representatives and senators, along with education officials and businesspersons from across Region 12, attended Thursday's forum.



Economic profile: Department of Commerce Region 12

Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Orange,
Scott and Washington counties

Profile: You can get there from Southern Indiana

Region 12, with its quick access to Louisville, Ky., and short drive to Indianapolis, is a Midwest businessperson's dream. It's also attractive to national and international companies because of its direct interstate access to Evansville (and on to St. Louis), Nashville, Tenn., Lexington, Ky., and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Success story: Bringing outer space close to home

One of the key components of Energize Indiana is the additional money available for Hoosier businesses through the [21st Century Research and Technology Fund](#). The fund, conducting its fifth round of awards, makes grants to companies across Indiana to encourage high-tech economic development. Region 12 is no stranger to the program. Greenville-based [Space Hardware Optimization Technology Inc.](#), SHOT, received \$1.8 million to apply biomedical experiments originally designed for and tested in space for more terrestrial uses. The grant will allow SHOT to redesign, test and market these life sciences devices as well as diversify its business closer to home.

The News in Brief...

Energize Indiana team makes third trip to Southern Indiana

Governor Frank O'Bannon and Lieutenant Governor Joe Kernan led the EI team to New Albany this week for its eighth forum. This was the third trip the team has made to Southern Indiana with its job creation and economic transformation message, this time visiting the Indiana University Southeast campus.

The team began its tour in Madison June 11 and visited Evansville June 26. Next week the team will make its final Southern Indiana EI summer tour stop in Bloomington.

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